UNICEF ASSISTANCE

The total UNICEF assistance for the CSSM Programme was:—

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1992-93	26.4478
1993-94	35.3463
1994-95	65.6743

(Figures are provisional)

Birth Rate

8184. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the birth rate at present according to latest statistics, State-wise; and

(b) whether the birth rate is still on the higher and if so, what steps have been taken to lower the birth rate?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Information is given at statement. (*See* below).

(b) The birth rate is declining, but it is still high.

An Action Plan formulated in consultation with the State Government and Union Territories is under implementation. Its feature include improving the quality and outreach of services, promotion of spacing methods among younger age couples, special focus on 90 lagging districts, involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote community participation and strengthening of interventions to promote maternal and child health care.

Statement

State wise SRS Estimates of Birth Rate for 1993

State/Union Territories	Birth Rate (per 1000 Population)
1	2
INDIA	28.7*
Andhra Pradesh	24.3
Arunachal Pradesh	28.0
Assam	29.5
Bihar	32.0
Goa	14.7
Gujarat	28.0
Haryana	30.9
Himachal Pradesh	26.7
Karnataka	25.5
Kerala	17.4

1	2
Madhya Pradesh	34.9
Maharashtra	25.2
Manipur	20.5
Meghalaya	28.5
Nagaland	20.0
Orissa	27.2
Punjab	26.3
Rajasthan	34.0
Sikkim	24.3
Tamil Nadu	19.5
Tripura	23.3
Uttar Pradesh	36.2
West Bengal	25.7
Union Territories A. & N. Islands	21.6
Chandigarh	18.5
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	33.6
Daman & Diu	25.3
Delhi	22.7
Lakshadweep	25.7
Pondicherry	15.5

* Excludes Jammu & Kashmir.

Source: Sample Registration System (SRS)

AVAILABILITY OF GOOD QUALITY ANTIBIOTIC MEDICINES

8185. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a serious crunch in the availability of antibiotic medicines prevails in Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the antibiotic medicines used in C.G.H.S. dispensaries and Central Government Hospitals are sub-standard resulting in adverse side-effects on patients; and

(d) if so, what concrete steps Government propose to take to make available sufficient and good quality drugs in Central Government Hospitals?